



SPECIAL ALERT

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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program Workgroup**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) requests your participation in a newly established Commission workgroup to focus on the awarding of the Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program (Chafee Program) grants. In an effort to ensure that all eligible students are benefiting from the Chafee Program, the Commission is reviewing various proposals to improve some of the administrative processes of this program.

The Chafee Workgroup's objective is to:

- Increase outreach efforts to reach all qualified students;
- Modify the Chafee payment roster to include additional status codes;
- Evaluate and make awarding and payment processes more efficient; and,
- Review options for processing payments to campuses/students.

We encourage participation in this workgroup from all segments, community organizations, individuals who work with foster youth students and any other interested groups or individuals. Our goal is to ensure that students are aware of the Chafee Grant programs we administer and that our processes consider all eligible applicants for these award offers. We plan to hold a series of workgroup meetings beginning with our first open meeting scheduled for:

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

The meeting will be held in the Board Room of the Commission's headquarters at 11040 White Rock Road, Rancho Cordova. A webinar is also set up to allow interested stakeholders to participate. To register and get more information, visit the Commission's website at: <https://csacevents.webex.com/csacevents/onstage/g.php?MTID=ea9f46f3ed41c200f7797852b49cbb9f2>

Please extend this invitation to others who may wish to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Jeana Maduli at (916) 464-2988 or at jmaduli@csac.ca.gov.

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